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Dear Partner in the Harvest,

As Hank and I get ready to drive to Milwaukee for the Cru25 staff conference beginning July 9, I wanted to share one more story with you to encourage you with what God is doing. This is a story from a Jesus Film Project partner.

This is a story from a partner I'll call Carlos. Carlos moved to a new city of 4 million people, most of whom had never had an opportunity to personally learn about Jesus. He was passionate to love the people of his new city.

One day while he was out walking and praying, he felt the Lord saying, "Go over to that lot where the migrant workers are living." Carlos kept on walking, but felt so disobedient. The next day he went back by the camp and saw a man leaving the tents. So, he obeyed God and began a conversation with him. The man's name was Rashid, a follower of the main religion of his country. He supported his wife and three children by selling scrap metal to earn only \$4 each day. As their friendship grew, Carlos shared more and more about Jesus with Rashid. He helped him download the "JESUS" Film so he could watch it with his family. When Rashid stopped watching the film, tears rolled down his cheeks and he told Carlos, "If I was in the crowd during Jesus' time, I would have followed Him."

Not long after watching the film, the vendor who usually paid Rashid for scrap metal didn't show up. After 2 days without pay, Rashid had no food for his children, not even bread. He was devastated. And as he lay in his tent that night, he remembered the scene in the "JESUS" film where Jesus fed a crowd with nothing but a few fish and loaves of bread. So, Rashid prayed and said, "God, I believe you fed the crowd. Would you please feed my family? I ask it in Jesus' name."

Thirty minutes later Rashid got a call from a local grocery store manager. He said, "Rashid, I need your help with the delivery tonight. Can you come now?" He picked up Rashid and together they loaded the order of bread and heavy boxes into the store van. And secretly, Rashid hoped some of the bread would be a payment. After they finished loading the van, instead of driving to make deliveries they returned to the camp. The manager told Rashid to open the van doors and unload. Rashid didn't understand. He told the man, "I thought we were making a night delivery." The grocery store manager said, "Rashid, this is the delivery. I thought I should give you these boxes and bread as a gift. Under the night sky Rashid opened the boxes. Each one was filled with large fish packed in ice. More than 100 fish in all. Immediately, Rashid remembered the story of Jesus feeding the crowd with fish and bread and he remembered his prayer. Rashid thanked the grocery store manager, he worshipped God and then he woke up his family and everyone in the camp. And they were all able to eat until they were full. And there were still loaves and fish left over.

Today Rashid is a passionate follower of Jesus. He shares stories of Jesus in the camp where several other men have chosen to follow Him. I can't help but think of Carlos' hesitancy to obey God's prompting on his prayer walk. But we know God can use our smallest acts of obedience, no matter how late, to bring about big miracles.

Thank you for being our partners in the ministry. God is working around the world bringing people to Him

Love,

Maureen & Hank

